

What is claimed is:

1 1(currently amended). A hand-held shower attachment having a
2 shower head that has a surface from which jets of water exit and a handgrip,
3 the handgrip being attached to the shower head at a location alongside the
4 surface from which jets of water exit, wherein the ratio of the length of the
5 handgrip to the maximum lateral dimension of the surface on the shower head
6 from which jets of water exit ranges from about 0.5 to one, and wherein the
7 shower head has a fitting for a shower hose on an end of the handgrip
8 opposite from the shower head and a union nut on an end of the shower hose
9 ~~and the fitting is configured such that an outer surface of the union nut is flush~~
10 ~~with an outer surface of the handgrip and acts as part of the handgrip,~~
11 **wherein the union nut on the end of the shower hose forms an extension**
12 **of the handgrip, the union nut having an outer surface that is flush with**
13 **the outer surface of the handgrip, such that the handgrip is extended by**
14 **the union nut.**

1 2(previously presented). A shower attachment according to claim 1,
2 where a longitudinal axis of the handgrip is approximately parallel to the
3 surface on the showerhead from which jets of water exit.

3(canceled).

4(canceled).

1 5(previously presented). A shower attachment according to claim 1,
2 where the ratio of a depth of the shower head, measured in a direction normal
3 to the surface from which jets of water exit, to a diameter of the surface from
4 which jets of water exit, is approximately 0.25 to 0.5.

1 6(previously presented). A shower attachment according to claim 1,
2 where a perimeter of the surface from which jets of water exit has an
3 approximately oval shape.

1 7(previously presented). A shower attachment according to claim 1,
2 where a perimeter of the surface from which jets of water exit has a circular
3 shape.